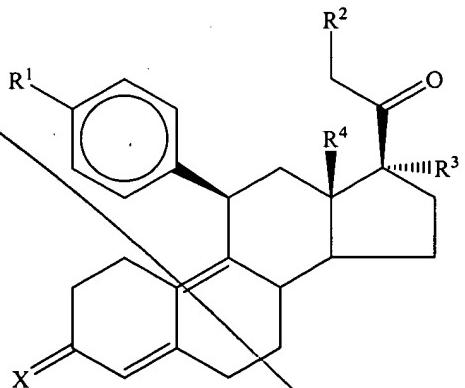


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 41 without prejudice and amend claims 1, 3, 6 and 18 to read as follows. All claims pending, including those unchanged by the present amendment, are reproduced in Appendix A for the convenience of the Examiner. If there is a conflict between the "clean" version of the claims below, and the "version with markings to show changes made," the "clean" version shall control.

1 1. (Twice Amended) A compound having the general formula:



2 wherein:

3       R<sup>1</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of -OCH<sub>3</sub>, -SCH<sub>3</sub>, -N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,  
4       -NHCH<sub>3</sub>, -NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>, -NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>, -NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O, -CHO, -CH(OH)CH<sub>3</sub>, -C(O)CH<sub>3</sub>, -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,  
5       -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>, and -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>;

6       R<sup>2</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl,  
7       acyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, acyloxy, alkylcarbonate, cypionyloxy, S-alkyl, -SCN, S-acyl, and  
8       -OC(O)R<sup>6</sup>, wherein R<sup>6</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy ester and  
9       alkoxy;  
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11       R<sup>3</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of alkyl-alkoxy, alkoxy and  
12       acyloxy;

13       R<sup>4</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl;

*Sub D* 14 X is a member selected from the group consisting of =O and =N-OR<sup>5</sup>, wherein R<sup>5</sup>  
*cont* 15 is a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; and  
16 wherein:  
*Sub B* 17 if R<sup>1</sup> is -N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> or -NHCH<sub>3</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>3</sup> is acetoxy and R<sup>4</sup> is methyl,  
18 then X is other than =O; and  
19 if R<sup>1</sup> is -N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> is hydroxy, R<sup>4</sup> is alkyl and X is =O, then R<sup>3</sup> is other than  
20 hydroxy.

*Sub B* 1 3. (Amended) The compound in accordance with claim 1, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is a  
2 member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, acyloxy, alkoxy, -SAC, -SCN,  
3 -OC(O)CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, and -OC(O)R<sup>6</sup>, wherein R<sup>6</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting  
4 of alky, alkoxy ester and alkoxy.

*Sub B* 1 6. (Twice Amended) The compound in accordance with claim 1, wherein R<sup>3</sup>  
2 is a member selected from the group consisting of alkoxy and acyloxy.

*Sub B* 1 18. (Amended) The compound in accordance with claim 1, wherein:  
2 R<sup>1</sup> is -N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>;  
3 R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen;  
4 R<sup>3</sup> is methoxy;  
5 R<sup>4</sup> is methyl; and  
6 X is =O.